

Council Meeting

December 16, 2008 – 5:18 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Spaetti. Councilmen Spaetti, Kroeger, Ebert, Winsett, Kress, Cochenour, Bunner, and Attorney Wetherill were present.

Spencer County Tourism

Melissa Miller and Dave Lovell discussed the 2009 budget and the activities of 2008 with the commissioners. In 2008 \$279,786 was collected in Innkeepers Tax, an 8.6% increase over 2007. Some of the activities for 2008 were:

- Economic Impact Study
- Indiana State Travel Guide Features
- 40 News Releases
- Flatboat Project
- Welcome Center operation
- Over 5,000 mailings from inquiries on the website

The budget for 2009 has a 3% increase over 2008. Lovell explained that experts have predicted that vacation locations that advertise for regional travel and that are promoted as a good bargain will do well in hard economic times. This puts Spencer County in a good position for 2009. Kroeger added that with every advertisement that the state and national committees do regarding the Lincoln Bicentennial, Spencer County is given free publicity.

Ebert made a motion to approve the 2009 budget. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Wetherill read an amendment to the Innkeepers Ordinance which changes the due date from the 30th day of the month to the 20th day of the month. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Kroeger thanked Lovell and the tourism board for allowing Miller to work with the Lincoln Commission.

January Meeting Date

Bunner made a motion to hold the reorganization meeting on January 2nd at 7:45 am. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Transfers

Courthouse – Decrease Tech Consultant and increase Maintenance Supervisor \$1,290. Ebert made a motion to approve. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Sheriff – Decrease Jailers and increase Senior Jailers \$5,100; Decrease Dispatcher and increase Senior Jailer \$100; Decrease Dispatcher and increase Cooks \$500. Cochenour made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

EMA – Decrease Assistant Director and increase Administrative Assistant \$1,815. Ebert made a motion to approve. Kroeger seconded. All in favor.

Luce Township

LTRSD board member Ed Ingram stated that the meeting for this month was cancelled.

Department of Child Services

Spaetti stated that he received an email reminding the council that any services rendered to the Department of Child Services in 2008 but not billed until 2009 will still be the responsibility of the county.

Public Safety Building

Kroeger stated that Lisa Gehlhausen of Indiana 15 explained that the county may be able to obtain an additional million dollars to put toward the Public Safety Building. Commissioner Lueken stated he is trying to set up a joint meeting to discuss the building with Jan Crider.

Robert Cochenour

Spaetti asked Wetherill to read the following resolution into the minutes:

SPENCER COUNTY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 4
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RESPECT

WHEREAS, Robert Cochenour will be completing his term as Spencer County Councilman at the end of 2008, during which time he had faithfully attended and truly contributed to the meetings and deliberations of the Spencer County Council; and

WHEREAS, Robert Cochenour has always exhibited his sincere conviction that as a member of the County Council, his goal has been to remain a reasonable and conscientious voice for those he served and the county as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Spencer County Council wishes to express their sincere appreciation of Robert Cochenour's years of dedicated service to the citizens of Spencer County, Indiana as a member of the Spencer County Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Spencer County Council, and for his many contributions to good government.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SPENCER COUNTY COUNCIL that the Spencer County Council expresses its respect and appreciation to Robert Cochenour for his dedicated service to Spencer County government, and further expresses its gratitude for his faithful service to the citizens of Spencer County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be included in the minutes and reflected in the records of the Spencer County Council.

Adopted this the 16th day of December, 2008.

William Spaetti	Dave Kress
Jack N. Kroeger	James L. Ebert
Steve Winsett	Blake Bunner

Attest: Cindy Shelton, Auditor

Ebert made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-4. Winsett seconded. All in favor. Cochenour stated it was his pleasure to serve and he looks forward to working with the council again in the future.

Courthouse Maintenance

A brief discussion was had on courthouse maintenance.

Cochenour made a motion to adjourn. Ebert seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

County Council,

_____ President	_____
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Attest:	_____
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Cindy Shelton, Auditor	
